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# Saint Philip Catholic Central High School2014OUR DEN OF CHAMPIONS

Your Tiger teams have had great fall and winter seasons in their respective sports. We thank all of our alumni for their tremendous support at events, in spirit or through contributions to our programs. It's because of you that the legacy continues today! You can be proud that this current generation of Tigers has earned the community's respect for more than just their feats on the field. More on this story inside.









"Your school is just one of the all time greatest. Congratulations to everyone at St. Phil and God Bless."

KEN ERVIN WBCK Sports Announcer









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## Alumni's Guide to Who, What, Where, When & Why

## TAKE A LOOK WITH YOUR CALENDAR BOOK

## What is the Summer Block Party?

It's where you want to be if you are in Battle Creek in mid-August. The brainchild of several "younger alumni," the summer block party aka "Caribbean Cruisin'," debuted in 2009. The event was planned and executed by these young alums as a casual, economical, fun gathering for all alumni, families and friends. Over time, the event has been held outside, unless weather drove us inside.

It has included live music or a DJ. We have sifted through drifts of sand, while paddling kayaks on Cherry Street. Beach volleyball was not uncommon and winning the conch shell blowing contest was for bragging rights. Always featuring delicious Caribbean cuisine and cocktails, the summer block party has been the venue for many class reunions.

The hope is that the summer block party continues to grow and reach all ages of alumni. Plan your class reunion during the weekend and the party is ready for you! Yet, it is not just for your reunion year. It is for you to return to your alma mater and reconnect at least once every summer.

The block party is on August 16, 2014. We hope to see you there!



**HOMECOMING** SEPTEMBER 20, 2013 watch for more details

September 20, 2014 Riverside Country Club Contact Randy Barr randallbar2000@yahoo.com

Class of 1964's 50th Reunion

#### <u>Class of 1974's 40th Reunion</u> September 20, 2014

Reunion will be held together with the annual homecoming festivities. Contact Mary (Hunt) Rabbitt mrabbitt@bcacs.org

#### PLANNING A REUNION? WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Remember: You are welcome to visit your alma mater whenever life brings you to Battle Creek!

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Ryan Lumbard and Abby (Buckley) Lumbard, Class 2005, were united in marriage on October 5, 2013.



Gracie Jean Sirovica is the daughter of David and Abby (Smith) Sirovica, Class of 2006. Gracie was born on



Kinley Maria Polnasek is the daughter of Brad and Jessie (Greene) Polnasek, Class of 2005.

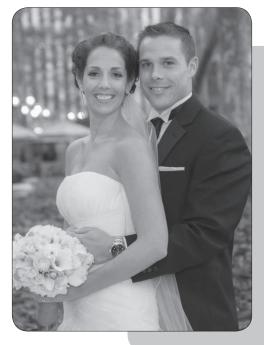




Layla Rose Heidarisafa is the daughter of Mathew and Erin (Rench) Heidarisafa, Class of 1999. She was born November 1, 2013.



Tucker John Darlington is the son of Nathan and Meghan (Downey) Darlington, Class of 2000. Tucker was born on February 10, 2014.



Christine and Will Decker, Class of 1999, were united in marriage on October 26, 2013.



Liam Goudeseune is the son of LeeAnn and Greg Goudeseune, Class of 2004. Liam was born on October 5, 2013.

## TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS

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#### CROSS COUNTRY COACH: JIM PEARL, CLASS OF 1978

The St. Philip Cross Country Girls Team earned 3rd in the Conference, while the Boys Team was 6th. The teams had two All-City Performers: Riley Rutherford and Ava Strenge, three All-County Performers: Riley Rutherford, Ava Strenge and Nicholas Newton and three State Qualifiers; Riley Rutherford, Ava Strenge and Nicholas Newton.

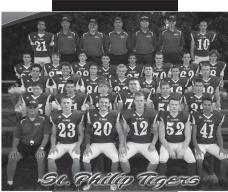
#### **BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL**

CoACH: DINO ENGLISH, 2013-14 ENQUIRER ALL-CITY <u>BOYS BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR</u> The Tigers set two school records with 24 wins and an overall record of 24-2. Counted among the top Class D teams most of the season, the Tigers won the District Title and Regional Crown (first since 1984). Isaac Cloward, Alex Doyle and Tyler Hubbard-Neil were named Battle Creek Enquirer All-City Team. Alex Doyle, Dreyson English, Hunter Haley and Tyler Hubbard-Neil were named All-League. Alex Doyle received All-State Honorable Mention.

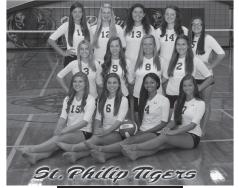
#### VARSITY FOOTBALL

<u>COACH: DAVE DOWNEY, CLASS OF 1978</u> The St. Philip Football Team went 7-0 in the conference with a 10-1 overall record, eventually losing in the Regional game. The team set new records at St. Philip, including most points in a season with 613 and most points in a game with 75. Isaac Cloward,

Alex Doyle, Kevin Greenman and Tyrus Sonneborn were named Battle Creek Enquirer All-City Team. Isaac Cloward, David Downey, Alex Doyle, Kevin Greenman, Hunter Haley, Sam Lehouiller, Jack Luoma, Tyrus Sonneborn and John Sweeney received All-Conference Honors.











GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL Coach: Tony Warren 2013-14 Enquirer All-City Girls Basketball Coach of the Year

The Lady Tigers record was 13-9. They were Southern Central Athletic Association Division Champs. Emily Freybler was First Team SCAA All-Conference, Team MVP and Battle Creek Enquirer All-City Team. Megan Gordon was Second Team SCAA All-Conference Team Best Competitor and Battle Creek

Enquirer All-City Team. Adrian Hibbard received SCAA Honorable Mention All-Conference and Ellen Criswell received the Sister Mary Therese Award.

#### VARSITY VOLLEYBALL

COACH: VICKY (GUERRA) GROAT, <u>CLASS OF 1985</u>

The St. Philip Volleyball Team won its eighth straight Class D State Title this past November, tying a state record for consecutive wins. The Lady Tigers ended the season with a record of

64-7-2. Sierra Hubbard-Neil and Emily Schaub earned All-State First Team Honors. Emily Freybler made All-State Second Team. Rachel Gallagher received Honorable Mention.

#### VARSITY SOCCER

#### COACH: ZACH HISCOCK

A co-op sport with Calhoun Christian School, the team posted a winning season with a record of 8-3-1. The soccer team won the Mid South Athletic Conference but lost in the first

game of the Districts. Receiving All-Conference honors are David Downey, Brent Finnila, Mac Flook, Freddie Hallacy and Tyler Hubbard-Neil. David Downey also was named Battle Creek Enquirer All-City Team and was voted the league's Most Valuable Player.

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## MUSIC, ART & HEART



Seven students have been chosen to represent St. Philip in the 1st Annual Battle Creek All-Area High School Honors Band. Congratulations to Sara Boggio, Hayleigh Duff, Stephen Gra-

ham, Faith Guzzo, Ian Mullis, Drew Lantinga and Theodore McNeir. These students, along with their peers from the area high schools, will perform at the W.K. Kellogg Auditorium. Four students, Stephen Graham, Faith Guzzo, Theodore McNeir and Ian Mullis, also performed at the High School Solo and Ensemble Festival. Each student medaled. Stephen went on to perform at the State Solo and

### March is Reading Month

Our National Honor Society Students sharing some quality reading time with friends at Coburn Elementary School



Students at St. Philip Catholic Central helped to celebrate reading month by visiting friends at Coburn Elementary School in Battle Creek. National Honor Society Students spent an afternoon sharing great books and camaraderie with these young readers.

## St. Philip High School Band Continues Its Quest for Excellence

Ensemble Festival where he also medaled.

The future is bright for the St. Philip Band as our 7th and 8th Grade Band performed at the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association Festival. This year, these middle school students performed for the panel of judge's comments only. They will perform for ratings and medals in the future.

Conductor Laura Hirleman and marching band members stand next to their newly painted trailer





The "Teddies for Tots" Program was a fundraiser developed to collect new teddy bears to donate to the pediatric patients at the Helen DeVos Children's Hospital in Grand Rapids. The fundraiser, which began in the fall and ended in January, was coordinated by Students provide Teddies for Tots

Stephanie Gusching and supported by the members of the St. Philip National Honor Society. Thanks to the support of everyone involved in "Teddies for Tots," the program was able to donate over 350 teddy bears to hospitalized children greatly in need of a smile.

## "Windows to History"

Praying through the creation of icons is an unique experience for today's art students

**S** eventeen art students along with our Fine Arts teacher, Gail Suess-Brandow are creating icons under the guidance of professional iconographer, Jeanette Aleo. Funded through grants from the Calhoun County Arts Council and the BCACS Foundation, Ms. Suess-Brandow shared that she is excited to involve the students in the "Windows to History" project. St. Luke is the creator of iconography, which is considered writing a prayer to God. Art student, Anna Lehouiller, Class of 2016, expressed, "I am really enjoying this process of writing an icon. It has taught me a lot of things; how to be more patient, steady-handed and I believe brought me closer to God with the prayers I am saying through this process." Ms. Suess-Brandow agrees. "In my opinion, icon writing is one of the best ways to praise God. I've been thrilled watching the students learn to love writing their prayers, too."



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## TRACKING TODAY'S TIGERS

## **St. Philip Students Attend Model UN**



High school students gather with Cheryl Adams to say thank you for the grant through the Carrie Adams Memorial Fund.

Thanks to a grant from the Carrie Adams Memorial Fund and a gift from alumna, Cathy Rae Kunitzer, sixteen St. Philip High School students participated in the week-long Model UN in March. During the conference, students assume the role as ambassadors to the United Nations. This year, St. Philip students represented Ukraine and Poland. Students are assigned current issues to research and to accurately represent and report from their respective nation. Staff member and club advisor, Angela Caulley, Class of 1999, said "We are so thankful for the contributions received through the BCACS Foundation that made this conference possible. It provides our students with the opportunity to engage with nearly one thousand other students within this region. It offers real-life experience including research, public speaking, debate, critical thinking, teamwork and leadership skills.

## **AT&T Foundation and Bud Lawrence Endowment enhance Science Department**



Thanks to Senator Mike Nofs and the generosity of the AT&T Foundation, students and staff at St. Philip gratefully accept a \$15,000 grant to be directed to enhance the science and technology at St. Philip Catholic Central High School.

C tudents at St. Philip will benefit Ofrom a substantial investment in the science department due to a grant received from the AT&T Foundation. Our appreciation goes to Senator Mike Nofs who invited the BCACS Foundation to apply for this grant on behalf of St. Philip. Along with the science instructors. Stephanie Halbert and Juli Dingman, Tim May, principal, developed a four-year science department plan. The goal is to continue the expansion and improvement of the science programs. Annually, we also receive funding for equipment through an endowed fund established by his family, in honor of Bud Lawrence, Class of 1951. According to Tim May, principal, "Our goal remains the construction of new laboratories and science classrooms to meet the changing program needs of our students."



Science Instructor, Juli Dingman, can immediately assess if students grasp concepts that are being presented through the use of the Classroom Response System. According to Juli, this allows her to redirect classroom instruction until each student gains mastery of the topic.

## BODY, MIND & SOUL

## Notre Dame Retreat: An STP Tradition

The annual senior retreat at the University of Notre Dame was an eye opening experience for St. Philip principal, Tim May. The retreat was led by Father Francis Marotti, Theology teacher and associate pastor at St. Philip. According to Mr. May, there were many poignant moments including the candle mass, praying at the grotto, and mass at the Basilica. He shared "During the retreat, there were honest and open discussions about relying upon our faith in



our everyday life and decisionmaking. However, there was fun, along with the seriousness, including a 1:00 in the morning run to get the fixings for banana splits for everyone!"



The students and staff consider it a great privilege to be able to participate in this retreat. We gratefully acknowledge the St. Philip Class of 1975 who are reported to be the first senior class to be invited to Notre Dame for what is now a time-honored tradition.

This past fall, student services director, Mrs. Rabbitt, sponsored "College Week" for our seniors. Before the morning bell, the seniors got together to work on their college applications. That week, 100% of our seniors completed one or more of their college applications! Pictured are members of the class, sporting their favorite college spirit-wear. In the summer alumni newsletter, we will feature the Class of 2014, share their college plans, their accomplishments during high school, along with the awards and recognition they received as graduates from St. Philip Catholic Central High School. A t St. Philip, college planning begins freshman year. Students carefully align course work, engage in extracurricular activities, plan community service projects and explore career exploration opportunities. This work culminates in the senior internship program that provides hands-on experience in a chosen field. Providing first-hand college experience is also a priority for staff at St. Philip. A grant from the Battle Creek Community Foundation allowed Mrs. Kyra Rabbitt to travel with sophomores to Aquinas College and Grand Valley State University.

**College Week** 



# **College Bound**

## THE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI STORY

The Distinguished Alumni Award at St. Philip Catholic Central High School honors alumni who have transformed their high school experience into distinguished careers, service and excellence in the arts, academics, ministry within the Church or service for their community or to the St. Philip School community. Recipients must also possess the highest standards of integrity and character which enhance the prestige of St. Philip Catholic Central High School. Distinguished Alumni Honoree's citizenship and accomplishments serve as a model to inspire and challenge today's students. Visit www.bcacs.org to learn more about our Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees.



#### SALLY (BLACK) AUSTIN Class of 1961

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Sally (Black) Austin graduated from St. Philip in 1961. Sally was nominated by classmate, Tom Austin. Tom expressed, "Sally devoted her life to St. Philip Church and School as a teacher, Director of the Office of Liturgy and continues to support St. Philip as a loyal contributor and volunteer with the BCACS Foundation."

Following graduation, Sally pursued her Bachelor Degree in French from Marygrove College. She earned her Master's in Theology from St. John's Provincial Seminary in 1988. After earning her Bachelor Degree, Sally taught at Lakeview High School. She began teaching at St. Philip School in 1979. Having retired in 2004, Sally currently volunteers in the classroom at St. Joseph School. Sally also volunteers as a member of the St. Philip Church Choir, lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Sally's commitment to St. Philip enjoys a lengthy legacy. Her parents, Margaret (Tenuta) and Gerald Black, graduated with the Class of 1932. Sally and Tom have four children, all of whom graduated from St. Philip. The fourth generation of the Austin family is currently enrolled at St. Joseph and St. Philip Schools.

Sally has travelled the world. While teaching at St. Philip, she also chaperoned third and fourth year French students from St. Philip to France and Spain. Her other loves include cooking, literature and the arts and her family.

#### KATIE REED

#### <u>CLASS OF 2000</u>

Katie Reed, Class of 2000, was nominated by Pete and Lois Werner who shared, "...She inspires her students to 'connect.' She gives them a sense of belonging and a positive perception of what it means to be Catholic-inside and outside of the church and classroom. In so doing, she perpetuates the 'foreverness' of our Catholic schools."

During high school, Katie was on the Homecoming Court, earned All-City recognition for softball and received the Carrie Adams and Sister Therese Mary Awards.

Katie earned her Bachelor of Arts in Education in 2006 from Olivet College. She majored in Social Studies and History. She began teaching a variety of courses in Social Studies at St. Philip Catholic Central High School, following graduation. Katie is the lead teacher for the School Culture and Leadership Professional Learning Committee and the staff advisor for the Student Government and the Senior Class. Katie received the Kellogg Community Foundation Excellence in Education "Teacher of Influence" in 2009. Katie coaches Freshman Volleyball and Varsity Softball. Katie also volunteers for Derek Jeter's Turn 2 Foundation, Battle Creek Parks and Recreation and the Teaching American History Grant Program.

Katie expressed, "I was born to be a Tiger. I am blessed to wake up everyday and love my job. Being a teacher at Saint Philip High School has taught me that the strongest foundation of our schools is not in blueprints, but rather the fact that we are built upon tradition, faith, and love. I love my students as if they were my own children and I am proud of the adults that they have become. Everyday I am overcome with pride to be a part of something that is larger than myself."

#### AMIEE (GREENE) DOWNEY CLASS OF 1999

During high school, Amiee earned varsity letters in Basketball, (three years), Volleyball (three years) and Softball (four years). She was named All-City in Basketball and Softball. Her freshman vear, she was Honorable Mention in Softball. Amiee expressed, "I believe my education at St. Philip gave me the confidence to further my athletic career. I had such positive coaches and teachers. They made me strive to be better and to believe in myself. I want to give back and mentor these young athletes because of the impact that my coaches had on me." Amiee was nominated by Cathy (Smith) Erskine, Class of 1980, who shared "As a fellow staff member, I see the positive impact she has on our youngest 'Tigers'. She was an athletic star in high school, and today. Amiee is a 'star' as a teacher."

#### TOM FABER

<u>CLASS OF 1987</u> During high school, Tom earned varsity letters in Football (two years) and Basketball (two years). He was All-City Honorable Mention for football in 1986, and a member of the 1985 Class D State Championship Football Team. Tom expressed, "My experience at St. Philip showed me what people can accomplish, as a team, when working together with a solitary purpose. I am fortunate to have had those experiences that continue to impact me in my daily life. As an educator, the values of hard work, perseverance, commitment, and teamwork have carried me a long way in trying to have a positive impact on the young people with whom I work each day." Tom was nominated by Mary (Hunt) Rabbit, Class of 1974, who expressed, "When Tom was on staff at St. Philip, you could feel his enthusiasm and school spirit. He continues be a loyal supporter and an avid Tiger enthusiast!"

#### PHILIP HURST, SR. Class of 1956

During high school, Phil played Varsity Football for two years. He was a member of the Catholic Conference State Championship Football Team in 1955. Phil went on to play football at Kellogg Community College. Phil was nominated by Coach Marc Pessetti who shared, "If the phrase 'I've got your back' refers to any one person it would be Mr. Hurst. As a young coach at St. Philip, there was no one I could rely upon more than him. Organizing and running events, Mr. Hurst was the first person there to make sure everything was covered, not just in the sports that I coached, but for all sports."

#### CHRIS MAGERS Class of 1968

During high school, Chris earned varsity letters in Football (three years) and Baseball (two years). Chris was nominated by Coach Jack Brown who said, "I first met Chris when he was a Senior at St. Philip. I was immediately impressed with his work ethic and school spirit. Later on, I coached with him and saw that he was a great all around guy. He had great rapport with the kids on the teams that he coached. This distinction is very welldeserved."

#### ALLYSON (RILEY) MCKNIGHT CLASS OF 2003

During high school, Allyson was a "stand-out" and four year player in Volleyball and Basketball, earning All-State in Volleyball. Allyson was a Miss Volleyball Finalist in 2003. Allyson was a three-time all-conference honoree, named first team all-state honoree twice, team MVP for two years and earned the Female Athlete of the Year award. Allyson helped lead the volleyball team to conference and regional championships twice and state qualifiers for two years. Allyson was nominated by long-time Tiger fan, Cas Dzwik. Cas shared, "I followed Allyson's career throughout her high school days. She was a star athlete and great student. She exemplifies all the qualities of a St. Philip Hall of Famer!"

#### JEFF RAMER CLASS OF 1997

During his senior year, Jeff was named the 1997 St. Philip Male Athlete. That year, he also earned the Father Owens Award in Baseball and in Basketball. Jeff earned nine varsity letters during his high school career. Jeff played Varsity Baseball for four years, lettering each year. He was named on the All-State, Region, District and Conference Teams. He was the Varsity team captain for four years. He was a member of the 1996 team with a record of 28 victories. Jeff scored the winning hit in both the 1996 and 1997 district final games. Jeff was nominated by Ed Bauman, Class of 1970, who expressed, "Jeff's career as an athlete in high school and beyond is extremely remarkable. He is very deserving of this recognition."



Pictured left to right are: Athletic Director Vicky Groat, Pat Riley accepting for Allyson (Riley) McKnight, Amiee (Greene) Downey, Jeff Ramer, Tom Faber, Chris Magers, Phil Hurst, and Principal Tim May.

## ~HOMECOMING 2013 REVIEW~

The 17th Annual Homecoming Celebration and St. Philip Hall of Fame was dedicated to the memory of Sister Therese Mary Rudell.



Members of the Class of 1944



Members of the Class of 1968



Todd Greenman, Class of 1981, pays tribute to Sister Therese Mary



Rich Yacovoni, 2012 Homecoming King, crowns Joseph Lin the 2013 Homecoming King



Members of the Class of 1955

# MILESTONES & MEMORIES



Members of the Class of 1978



Dennis Cripps delivers the 50th Year Reunion remarks for the Class of 1963



Ann Marie Sweeney, 2012 Homecoming Queen, crowns Sierra Hubbard-Neil the 2013 Homecoming Queen



Members of the Class of 1963



Tribute to the Class of 1963



Fr Francis Marotti addresses the alumni during the Homecoming dinner

Katie Reed, 2013 Distinguished Alumni honoree, receives a hug from Fr. Mark Vyverman



## ~HOMECOMING 2013 REVIEW~



Joseph Lin & Sierra Hubbard-Neil, the 2013 Homecoming King & Queen





Stephen & Patricia (Schoder) Saxton, Class of 1963



Dolores & James Garland, Class of 1968



Margaret & Dennis Cripps, Class of 1963



Tom & Sally (Black) Austin, Class of 1961



Mr. Andrew Kurzman, Class of 1948, & Ms. Anne Marie Ruthkowski



Marion & David Meisterheim, Class of 1944



James & Jeannine (Frisch) Norris, Class of 1953



James & JoAnn (Cracolici) MacLean, Class of 1963



Kathy & Matt Stover, Class of 1968

## THE COBB FAMILY



John Tobin, Jr. (right) St. Philip Elementary Alumni

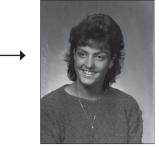


Noreen (Tobin) Smith, Class of 1936, and John Smith, Class of 1934



Richard Cobb, Class of 1937

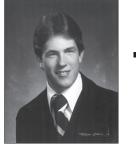




Shelly (Cobb) Cichy, Class of 1987



Steve Cobb, Class of 1985



Gary Cobb, Class of 1982



Brian Cobb, Class of 1980



Sheri (Cobb) Robotham, Class of 2003



Travis Cobb, Class of 2006



Melissa Cobb St. Joseph Elementary Alumni



THE BAUMAN FAMILY

The Bauman Family celebrates six generations at our Catholic Schools. Pictured are (left to right): Joan Bauman (widow to Paul Bauman, Class of 1944, Kristen Bauman, Class of 2000, Sue Wezensky Bauman, Class of 1977, Ed Bauman, Class of 1972 and Lucas Bauman, Class of 2028!

Want to share your STP family tree? Contact Kathy Gallagher at stpalumni@bcacs.org to make arrangements. Put "Family Tree" in the message line.

## "Do You Remember When?" -

BY: JOSEPH MARRIOTT, CLASS OF 1944

**G** dearly recall the time when Norm Schmitzer and Paul Bauman, in a moment of deviatory, cranked up the hand powered fire alarm. The alarm was wall-mounted, just around the corner of the principal's office. It was about 10:00 in the morning, when the whole high school that morning marched out of the school and lined up as we all had practiced. Everybody was wondering what was going on. The nuns were all puzzled. The principal called on the janitor, Mr. Vanderpoole, to check out the school for the 'fire.' After everything was declared safe, the principal called everybody back into the school. The search then began for the perpetrators of the alarm.

Norm Schmitzer and Paul Bauman were ultimately declared the culprits. This was big. Very big. There was talk of expulsion. It took a week to resolve the course of action. Norm and Paul were accepted back into school, but it shook the school to the rafters. The decision to return the gentleman to school was made on several factors; one of which was that there were only two months left before graduation."

Do You Remember When? will be featured in the alumni news as articles are submitted. This feature stems from a gathering of alumni at the Homecoming, 2013 Continental Breakfast and Meeting. Fond remembrances were shared throughout the weekend. Special thanks to Joe Marriott for suggesting that we created a venue for alumni of all generations to share their favorite memories. Please e-mail stpalumni@bcacs.org. Include "Do You Remember When?" in the subject line. Please be sure to include your name and graduation year.

## - Keeping in Touch

Congratulations to Penny and Thomas Campbell, Class of 1976, on your **30th** wedding anniversary!

## Congratulations to Polly (Watson) Gallavin & Charlotte (Watson) Rensberger!

**P**olly (Watson) Gallavin, Class of 1996, graduated from Aquinas College in Grand Rapids, Michigan in 2000 and recently enrolled at Midwestern Uni-

versity College of Dental Medicine Illinois. Polly will achieve her goal of becoming a dentist in 2017! She and her husband, Patrick, and daughters Madison (13) and Bexley (8) live in Naperville, IL.



Charlotte (Watson) Rensberger, Class of 2001. Charlotte completed board certification as a Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from the University



of Phoenix, her Master's in Nursing Leadership from Chamberlain College of Nursing and a Master's in Women's & Children's Health from Wayne State University.

Submitted with love by Mum and Dad, Paul and Clare

## "The Halls of St. Philip" -

VERSES BY: MARJORIE (BLACK) JACOB, CLASS OF 1933; TUNE: "THE BELLS OF ST. MARY'S"

#### VERSE:

The Halls of St. Philip are spacious and high And they shelter the youth of the parish nearby. They vibrate with music and sometimes with jest For life is not weary and school days are best.

#### **CHORUS:**

The Halls of St. Philip they grip and they hold you They calm you and cheer you when trouble is nigh In sunshine or shadow what 'ere may betide you Beside you in the fight you'll find St. Philip High

## **REMEMBRANCE & GRATITUDE**

## IN THANKSGIVING

*St. Philip Catholic Central High School and the BCACS Foundation extend their deep appreciation for recent gifts received in memory or in honor of these STP Alumni.* 

#### **GIFTS GIVEN IN MEMORY OF ALUMNI:**

John B. Hogan, Class of 1939 James Atchley, Class of 1942 Paul Bauman, Class of 1944 W. Fred Mangan, Class of 1944 Norman Schmitzer, Class of 1944 Bernerd "Louis" Atchley, Class of 1947 Stan Fleece, Class of 1947 Norman "Bud" Lawrence, Class of 1951 Mary Jo Petroshus, Class of 1959 Dick Hardy, Class of 1965 Carrie Adams, Class of 1991

#### GIFTS GIVEN IN HONOR OF ALUMNI:

Sara (Concannon) Ryskamp, Class of 1955 J.P. Bauman, Class of 1999 Greg Bauman, Class of 2003 Kristen Bauman, Class of 2006 Michael Bauman, Class of 2006 Thomas Bauman, Class of 2010

## IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the STP Family have passed from this life to the next. Please remember them in your thoughts and prayers. We extend our sincere condolences to their loved ones.

> James Atchley, Class of 1942 Bernerd "Louis" Atchley, Class of 1947 Mary Lou (O'Reilly) Penney, Class of 1950 Norma (Gubry) Breher, Class of 1951 William Taylor, Class of 1951 John F. Moriarty, Class of 1952 Walt Noga, Jr., Class of 1952 Richard Hayes, Class of 1955 Barbara (Kerns) Fairbanks, Class of 1956 Mary Jo Petroshus, Class of 1959 Arlene (Smith) Kerr, Class of 1962 Mary (Brockway) Crane, Class of 1964 Dick Hardy, Class of 1970

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

## **CLASSMATES AND CLASS ACTS**

## TINY TIGERS LET IT ROAR



Thanks to the effort and talent of Molly O'Rourke, Class of 2007, the tiniest "Tiger Cheerleading Squad" from St. Joseph School enjoyed the Homecoming 2013 football game. Molly shared, "We all had a wonderful time cheering for our Big Red Football Team. Our squad was made up of 25 students including a couple little brothers, too!"

#### 'ZUK ALL-STARS' WIN 4TH ANNUAL Alumni Basketball Tournament



"Even though the Joe Zuk All-Stars defended their Etitle, the Class of 75er's managed to yet again steal the show. It's always great to see friends and to play in this tournament, which wouldn't be possible without the help of Kathy Gallagher and Vicky Groat. I'm already looking forward to next year."

NICK BUCKLEY, CLASS OF 2003

## **BCACS FOUNDATION NEWS**

## A Message from Kathy Gallagher

When I reflect on our 30 years as a Foundation, it is exciting to see where we have been and to look forward to where we are headed. I have had the privilege of serving as the development director of the BCACS Foundation for the past thirteen years. Recently, I joined my husband, Mike, in retirement. I leave the BCACS Foundation in very capable and talented hands. Louanne McIntyre assumed the role of development director

in November. I assure you that she values and supports Catholic education at St. Joseph and St. Philip Schools with unparalleled passion and energy. Once again, God has provided!

It is my hope to be able to continue my involvement with the important and fun work of the St. Philip Alumni Association. I feel truly blessed by your energy, support and enthusiasm for your alma mater. I wish to continue to "give back" for all that you have provided for St. Philip School. I can be reached by e-mail at kgallagher@bcacs.org.





Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools F 0 U N D A T I 0 N

## A Message from Louanne McIntyre

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary, I want to thank you for working with the Foundation to provide excellent academics, robust fine arts programs, an array of athletic opportunities, and most importantly community focused education through the lens of our Catholic values. Over \$23 million has been invested in four primary areas: • Annual Fund Drive to provide an annual unrestricted subsidy to the schools.

 Scholarships to make Catholic education accessible for all who choose our schools.

> • Program grants to improve and expand the educational and extracurricular offerings.

> • Endowment growth to ensure that our schools are here...forever.

Your commitment makes it possible for all who wish to receive an excellent academic, moral, and spiritual Catholic education to do so.

It is a privilege to be able to serve you, our students, staff and families. Don't hesitate to call me at 269-963-4771 or e-mail lmcintyre@bcacs.org.

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FUND HONORING SR. THERESE MARY AND SR. Electa Herringer

Thanks to the generosity of many alumni, the staff at St. Philip will benefit from opportunities for professional development and continuing education. This endowed fund honors two very special teachers and ensures that much needed funds are available for staff to enhance and improve their skills. We thank all who have contributed and invite all alumni to share their blessings in support of the staff who give so much to St. Philip Catholic Central High School. Donations may be made online at bcacs.org or directly to the BCACS Foundation at 63 North 24th Street, Battle Creek, 49015.

#### Class of 1962 Scholarship Fund Continues to Grow!

We are profoundly grateful the Class of 1962 who established the scholarship fund in honor of their class, as member's celebrated their 50th Anniversary. It continues to grow and exceeds \$10,000! This fund will forever support a student's desire to attend St. Philip. Interest earned, calculated on an annual basis provides a scholarship...bridging the generations. We thank all the members of the Class of 1962 for creating this lasting legacy.

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## Keeping our STP Alumni, their Friends, and Family connected with Tiger Pride!

This is an excerpt from a letter written to Vicky Groat, Athletic Director, after the St. Philip Boys Basketball team advanced to the quarterfinals.

I wanted to take a minute and say congratulations to you on your team's win last night and, more importantly, to tell you how great your entire school community portrayed themselves.

I know too well that in our jobs we get to hear all the complaints and very rarely do we get to hear the good things about our kids, coaches, and community.

Your players were very respectful and appreciative. Your coaches were friendly and appreciative. Your student section was very supportive of your team in a very positive manner that did not disrespect the opponent. Your fans were great, as well. As many of them left the gym last night, they took the time to say 'thank you' to me and some of my staff for the efforts put forth in hosting the event.

You should be proud of the image that all of your school community displayed. I have hosted numerous MHSAA tournaments and I can without a doubt say my experience with your school community was one of the most positive I have had.

> Chris Riker, CAA Director of Athletics Portage Northern High School

## **Keeping Our Tiger Pride Alive...**

